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1. Repatriation of Poles from the Lithuanian SSR has officially been completed, the last transports (from Vilno and district) being scheduled to leave in March 1947, though they had not arrived in Poland by the end of that month.

2. Actually, however, the number of Poles repatriated represents only a small percentage of the total that has applied for repatriation, because of the formalities insisted upon by the Soviet authorities. These include certificates of release from employers and military recruiting centers ("voynkomat") in the case of men above eighteen years of age, certificates stating that (Soviet/Lithuanian) passports and ration cards have been surrendered and taxes paid, proof of Polish nationality, medical certificate and notice of departure.

3. Only three to four percent have been able to fulfill these requirements. In August 1946, for example, only thirty-nine persons succeeded in complying with the above formalities; the remainder were ordered to apply immediately in writing to the Commissariat of Militia for Soviet citizenship. Those whose evacuation permits had lapsed as a result of delays in the departure of transports (and who had, of course, handed in their Soviet passports) were threatened with deportation to Polish concentration areas at Kutais, Kiazan and Vorkuta.

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